

PUBLICATIONS PROCUREMENT FOR FY 1964

1. Activities for FY 1964

A. Objectives

To continue, in response to requirements, to provide various agencies of the U.S. government with pertinent open literature published in foreign countries; to establish specialized collection programs as required to procure Sino-Soviet bloc publications, particularly for USIB agencies; to strengthen the procurement programs in Latin America and Africa; to effect regularized reporting on foreign publication activities, trends, and availability.

B. Description

The Acquisitions Branch of the CIA Library will coordinate the foreign publications procurement requirements of approximately 20 participating federal agencies and transmit them to State Department publications officers in all areas of the world. Policy guidance is received from the USIB Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications. Communication between Headquarters and publications officers will be improved by detailing Acquisitions Branch area coordinators to serve overseas as acting publications officers during the home leave or other extended absence of regular RPO's. Critical USIB and non-USIB requirements for Sino-

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Soviet bloc publications, including those emanating from Cuba, will be met through specialized collection programs involving efforts by the U.S. Bureau of Customs, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, friendly foreign governments, and clandestine collection channels. Continued efforts will be made to improve the effectiveness of the procurement program in Latin America through TDY assignments of the area coordinator in the absence of a full-time RPO in the area.

C. Appraisal

It is anticipated that the objectives of the foreign publications procurement program will be successfully met in all areas of the world. The collection in Latin America would be facilitated, however, by the assignment of a full-time RPO to the area.

2. Significant FY 1964 Variations from FY 1963

It is impossible to detail variations in future foreign publications procurement programs, since collection problems depend on unpredictable export restrictions imposed by foreign governments. If exports are denied or curtailed, appropriate programs will be devised as they have been in the case of procurement of Chicom and Cuban publications.

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